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SOUTH AND CENTRAL CHINA  
SHIPPING ACTIVITY INCREASES

SHANGHAI UNIFIES HARBOR CONTROL -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 17 Jun 50

Shanghai, 15 June (Hsin-hua) -- A unified method of controlling navigation and harbor regulation in the port of Shanghai is now in progress. The work is being carried out by the Shanghai Navigation and Harbor Control Unification Committee, which was organized at a meeting of the representatives of the 18 bureaus and offices connected directly or indirectly with the shipping industry in Shanghai. The meeting was called by the Transportation Department of the East China Military Control Commission and the Shanghai People's government on 2 June 1950, and it was agreed that the following unification work would be undertaken by this committee:

1. Place all sections of the various government bureaus whose duty is to control navigation and harbor regulation in the port of Shanghai under the direct control of the Navigation Bureau of the Shanghai Shipping District.
2. Reduce the various types of fees and duties now numbering 138 to 56.
3. Establish a unified system of ship inspection.
4. Establish a bureau which will control Shanghai's 430 docks and 504 warehouses.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING SERVICE IMPROVES -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 17 Jun 50

Shanghai -- Since the liberation of the Chou-shan Islands, shipping services in and out of Shanghai have been improving. The general outlook of the transportation industry is as follows:

1. Shanghai -- Ning-po route. The first ship arrived in Shanghai from Ning-po on 5 June, carrying 120 tons of cargo. Several other ships are planning to begin service on this route soon.

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2. Shanghai -- Tientsin route. On 10 June, the Tientsin San-i Shipping Company in Shanghai sent one of its steamships, the Hsiang-shan, weighing 1,029 tons and having a load capacity of 550 tons, to Tsingtao and Tientsin on a trial run. For the time being, this company will not carry passengers.

3. The East China District Branch of the China People's Insurance Company began accepting various insurance, including war risk policies, on all cargo shipped between East and North China.

4. A shipping company owned by the government has reduced both passenger and freight rates between Shanghai and Hankow to increase the volume of trade.

5. The East China Branch of the China Petroleum Trading Company has reduced the price of diesel oil from 10 to 20 percent to help shipping and other industries make more profit.

6. The Shanghai Office of the Civil Aeronautic Bureau set up an office on 1 June to control all civil aviation in the Shanghai area, and to prepare for resumption of CNAC and CATC airline service in East China.

ANTISMUGGLING PATROL BOATS ORDERED TO CANTON -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 9 May 50

Hong Kong -- According to a reliable source, 23 former Nationalist anti-smuggling patrol boats, now under the seizure of the Chiu-lung (Kowloon) custom house, recently received orders from the Central People's government to proceed to Canton on 9 May, and wait for further orders there. Since receiving the order, however, all high ranking officers refused to go back to China and resigned from duty.

An investigation has revealed that the following boats are now at Chiu-lung:

Y1, Y2, Y3 (Hai-t'ai), and Y8 (Hai-jung), are more than 100 feet long, of wooden construction, and are converted mine sweepers; C1 (Kuan-hui), C2 (Kuan-yao), C3 (Kuan-hsun), C5 (Kuan-ming), C8 (Kuan-an), C9 (Kuan-ting), C11 (Kuan-li), C14 (Kuan-li), C19 (Kuan-i), U2 (Kuan-ch'eng), U4, No 113, No 116, No 117, No 146, No 162, Kuan-wen, Kuan-mao, and one other which are 40 feet long and of metal construction.

These boats were ordered to enter the Chu Chiang at the first opportunity and assemble at Canton.

PATROL BOATS RETURN TO CANTON -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 26 Jun 50

Canton, 25 June -- The 20 antismuggling patrol boats of the Chiu-lung Custom Office formerly stationed at Hong Kong, and their crews of 120 men, safely returned to Canton on 16 June 1950 and were given a huge welcome by the local custom authorities.

HONG KONG - CANTON SHIPPING SERVICE TO RESUME SOON -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 19 Jun 50

Hong Kong (Hsin-ya) -- Shipping service between Hong Kong and Canton is expected to be resumed soon, now that the Nationalist bases on Man-shan Islands have been cleared, and the one on Wai-ling-ting Island is expected to be evacuated within the next few days. The Communists are setting up long-range guns at La-chi-wei, and on Ching-chou and Man-shan Islands to keep blockading Nationalist ships away from the mouth of the Chu Chiang.

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Some of the shipping companies in Hong Kong have already sent representatives to Canton to obtain the necessary papers and permits from the Communist authorities to begin the service.

CCP CLOSES SHANGHAI AND SWATOW PORTS -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 23 Jun 50

Taihoku, 22 June -- An order was recently issued by the CCP prohibiting the entry of all ships into the ports of Shanghai and Swatow. It is generally believed that this action was taken by the Chinese Communist leaders to prevent foreigners from entering these areas to gather information on the activities of the Communist military forces.

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